

**\$400 TO EACH PERSON**

**Morrow County's Farm Production Considered Marvelous.**

**DIVIDE INTO SMALLER FARMS**

**Land a Few Years Ago That Was Considered Only Fit for Coyotes to Roam Over is Now Developed into Thriving Farms.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Frederick B. Underwood, president of the Erie Railroad, declared yesterday that Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, was reckoning without his host when he said, as quoted, that the wages of organized labor "would not have to come down along with the prices of raw materials in the present general business and financial depression."

"The inexorable law of supply and demand, which is the basis of political economy," said Mr. Underwood, "will make itself felt in the case of organized labor as well as all other branches of business, Mr. Gompers notwithstanding. In case an attempt is made to hold up the present abnormally high price of labor, when the earnings of railroads and industrial corporations do not warrant it the alternative will be to shut down."

"Labor has been at a premium for the last four years, and it has been less efficient than ever before. All classes of employes have pointed to the heavy earnings and in consequence have received their share in the shape of higher wages. Now a change has come. Earnings are falling off and employes will receive a lower wage. This they should do without protest as they have the precedent that when earnings were improved their wages were advanced."

Mr. Underwood added that the drop in the cost of living gives the wage-earner under a reduced scale of wages the same purchasing power he had in the past.

**ECHO OF THE CONVENTION.**

Seldom except at a national political convention, have so many sections of the country been represented in a great meeting as was the case in the fourth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress which has just ended. Delegates were present from California to Maine, and from Minnesota to Texas. The Middle West, the Rocky Mountain states, and the states of the Pacific coast were especially well represented. Washington, Oregon and California sent delegates, more than thirty being present from the last named state. The California delegation was headed by former Governor Pardee, and swept into the national capital in a special car, bringing with it sufficient gold coin to pay its annual dues for the ensuing year to the treasurer of the organization, Captain J. F. Ellison of Cincinnati, Ohio. The convention adopted resolutions reaffirming its contention that an appropriation bill of \$50,000,000 or more should be passed each year by the government and this amount laid out in waterways improvements. Copies of the resolution were presented to President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon. Both Mr. Fairbanks and the Speaker will refer them to the chairman of the Senate Committee and the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors. While the convention was the greatest in its history, the National Rivers and Harbors Congress does not propose to relax its efforts to include as a member of its organization every believer in waterways development in the United States.—Washington Correspondents.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbagos, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers,

**American Names.**  
If we have some growing sense of a desire to touch with poetry the terminology of our American towns, we have succeeded so far only in securing a slightly plebeian grove atmosphere such as is given off by Lakewood or Riverside. The rich sentimentalism of the real estate dealer has done what it could, considering the hurry he is in. If we have a new manufacturing suburb, the chances are we shall be too lazily and flatly patriotic, call it Lincoln and be done with it, or too crudely romantic, in which case the secretary of the company will report to the directors that he has had the place incorporated as Ivanhoe. With the slightest dash of poetry in his soul he might keep true to the strenuous character of the place, with all its prospective labor agitations, and at the same time give a tinge of beauty to the situation forever by calling it Fretley, or if it is a place where hammers are to ring from morning to night why not call it Stroke instead of naming it Smithville after the present chief stockholder in the concern?—Atlantic.

**The Poor Service.**  
Mrs. Ray-Sherahay had just returned from a visit to the foreign cruiser that lay at anchor in the harbor of the Great American city. "We had a fine time," she said. "They showed us all over the ship and paid us every attention. We didn't know they had arranged an elegant luncheon for us, and we were agreeably surprised, of course, when the captain invited us into the dining saloon and seated us at a long table spread with everything that could tempt the appetite. I tell you, Mrs. Upsome, we enjoyed that luncheon. We didn't have to hurry through it either, and we were waited on with the utmost politeness and cordiality."  
"The service was first class, was it?" interrupted Mrs. Upsome.  
"The service?" said Mrs. Ray-Sherahay, lowering her voice. "No; that was nearly all imitation. I give you my word there was hardly a thing worth carrying away as a souvenir. All I grabbed was this little pickle fork, and I do believe it's nothing but plated ware!"—Chicago Tribune.

**OKLAHOMA'S TANGLED TAXES.**

According to Edward S. Spencer of Oklahoma City, the new state of Oklahoma appears to be in a fine tangle so far as the collection of school taxes is concerned. Mr. Spencer, who is here in connection with public lands in his state, can see no solution of the present mix-up until the legislature meets. The trouble seems to lie in the fact that a number of new counties were created by being carved from the old established ones, and as a result of this country division, township and schools districts were divided endwise and lengthwise. In a number of cases country lines cut school districts in two, and there is much confusion. This confusion is especially noticeable, says Mr. Spencer, in new Woods, Alfalfa and Major counties. The taxpayers whose properties, through the division of the old Woods county, lie in two of the new ones, decline to pay part of their taxes in one and the remainder in another. Neither taking all of it, so things are at a stand-still.

**Good Cough Medicine for Children.**  
The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

**ANOTHER FOOL LAW.**

**Railroad Companies Forbidden to Sell Coal from Their Mines.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Journal of Commerce this morning says: It was learned yesterday that the Union Pacific directors have, in common with directors of other roads owning and operating coal mines been discussing the question of the segregation of the coal and transportation departments in accordance with the provisions of the law of last year. The provisions of this

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has proven an event of unprecedented merchandising. Hundreds of prospective buyers could not have been waited on. We were not properly equipped or the emergency. We were short of help. Now, we have SECURED SUFFICIENT FORCE OF HELP TO HANDLE THE CROWDS more satisfactorily, and are in position to prove to the public that the remaining days of THIS GREAT SALE will mark an event of merciless sacrificing of

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Although this Sale will last ONLY TEN DAYS, yet it will long be remembered by all who have and will indulge in the unequalled bargains it offers.



- LADIES' TAILORED SUITS—Values up to \$25, cut to \$10.
- LADIES' NOVELTY SUITS—Velvet chiffon broadcloth, values up to \$65, cut to..... **\$22**
- LADIES' COATS—Full length, circular and semi-fitting; values up to \$15 cut to..... **\$5**
- EVENING COSTUMES AND OPERA COATS sacrificed at astonishingly low prices, literally at one-fourth their real worth.
- SKIRTS, values up to \$5.00, now \$1.75; values up to \$15 now..... **\$6.00**
- WAISTS, SILK MASSELIN, net lace and fancy taffeta from \$1.50 to \$15; worth three times that much.
- SATEEN UNDERSKIRTS—Full size; tuck lace embroidery trimming; dust ruffle worth \$2.50 cut to..... **90c**
- MUSLIN GOWNS—Excellent quality; high neck and slip over style cut to..... **90c**
- LADIES' APRONS—India linen lawn; with and without bibs; cut full, with tucks; cut to..... **20c**
- COLLARS, CHIFFON—Daintily trimmed and embroidered; cut to..... **15c**
- BELTS—Immense variety to choose from; 10c to \$2.00.
- SILK TAFFETA PETTICOATS—Great bargain ever offered at..... **\$3.95**
- CHILDREN'S DRESSES—A wide range materials; styles and patterns; cut to..... **75c**
- MILLINERY—Beautiful \$7.50 hats cut to..... **\$2.75**
- LADIES' CLOTH CRAVANETTES in fancy mixtures and solid colors; worth up to \$20, cut to..... **\$4.90**



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law prohibit them on and after May 1 from transporting any article or commodity other than timber, manufactured or produced by them. The interpretation given the laws by the attorneys for the Union Pacific is that the company may mine and transport its own coal

for its own use in transportation or otherwise but shall not sell such coal (from its own mines) before or after it has been transported. In accordance with this interpretation of the law it is planned by the Union Pacific to keep its coal mines for its own exclusive use.

They will be operated sufficiently to supply the Union Pacific system whenever the coal of the mines can be delivered cheaper than from other sections, but consumers even in the company's district, will be compelled to buy their supplies elsewhere, which means, the di-

rectors believe, that the Union Pacific will receive a large and profitable haul on new traffic. The Union Pacific Coal Company is owned almost exclusively by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Its entire capital stock of \$5,000,000 is so owned.

**The Next 4 Days**

Will Be Busy Ones At

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and it is very important that you come at once. THIS MORNING if possible. Saturday and the two days of next week we will not be able to wait on more than one-half the people.

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TOMORROW BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 AND 11 A. M., WE WILL GIVE THEM A HAND-SOME LITTLE WHISTLE, FREE. ALSO, NOTE A FEW OF OUR SPECIALS FOR THE SAME HOUR:

- Children's 10-cent sets of dishes..... **3c**
- 10-cent solid rubber balls..... **3c**
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- \$1.00 dolls, nicely dressed..... **75c**
- Nice little China dolls..... **1c**
- Men's 50c fine fancy suspenders..... **29c**
- Men's 65c yarn gloves..... **48c**
- Ladies' and children's 75-cent kid mittens, with fur tops..... **48c**
- 10-cent fancy pictures..... **3c**

**Holiday Greeting:**

The happy CHRISTMAS time is fast approaching and I take great pleasure in inviting you to inspect my new and well selected line of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Solid Silver and plated ware, Cut Glass, Umbrellas, and Gold and Silver novelties. I have the largest and finest stock this year to select from that I have ever shown in Astoria. PRICES are RIGHT; QUALITY UNSURPASSED. Come early and make your selections. I will lay them away until you want them.

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